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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Possible ONI Change in NIE-35/1

1. The Navy may propose the following change in Conclusion, Paragraph 6, of NIE-35/1:

"6. The probable outlook through mid-1952 in Indochina is one of continued military stalemate. We foresee some territorial gains by the Viet Minh, but no decisive victory during the period of this estimate."

2. Presumably this would imply a similar change in Paragraph 24 of the Discussion.

3. The effect of this change is to shade the estimate a notch or two in the favor of the Viet Minh.

4. The Board approves this change.

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